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- 1. On 4 May Grigoriy Ye. Golub phoned Costille for lunch for that day. Most of the time was spent on polite conversation and no political topics were discussed. Golub asked Costille about his home and family in the States and his vacation plans. Colub mentioned that he was not going to be able to take a vacation this summer as he had hoped. When Costille asked him why, he gave the reason that the Ambassador, whom Colub described as still being new and not quite sure of himself yet, had told him he wanted him to remain in Helsinki as he was the only person of officer rank in the Consular Section. (Station comment: This might be because of Khrushchev's reported visit to Finland shortly - see [HELS] 171.)
- 2. Not once during the lunch did the subject mentioned in references concerning Costille's treatment in the Soviet Union come up.
- 3. Golub mentioned that he had been in Finland now for about four years and that he had been enjoying himself very such and liked Finland and the Finns. He said that he was glad that he did not speak English as he would then probably be sent to England or the United States, which in his opinion were too far from his home in the Soviet Union. According to Golub, this made travel home, as well as phone calls, too expensive. When Costille asked him where he would like to be sent next, he answered Moscow. He stated that over three years was too long to be away from one's country.
- 4. No arrangements were made for the next lunch, but if Golub runs true to form, he will be phoning Costille next week. Golub usually averages about one phone call a week.

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